

# 250 Lake Wilcox Citizens Attend Session

## Consultants Outline Steps To Better Future

By MARY DAWSON

About 250 residents of the Lake Wilcox area accepted an invitation to meet with representatives of M. M. Dillon Limited, consultants, who are beginning a study of that area which will determine its future in Lake Wilcox Public School Thursday evening of last week.

The consultants were represented by Peter Martin, a town planner with 18 years experience; Jim Cripps, town planner; and Mrs. Mary Lou Zemek, a social planner. The meeting was chaired by Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe who chaired the local committee which established the terms of reference for the study. Representing council were Mayor William Lazenby, Regional Councillor Lois Hancey and Ward 5 Councillor William Corcoran. Planning Director Hesse Rimon also participated.

### TIME TABLE

Speaking for the consultants Mr. Martin outlined the aims of the study and called attention to the timetable which would see completion of the various facets by the early part of January with a final report by the end of that month. However, he noted that the timing is quite flexible and if a request is received from the public or from council to give more time to any part of the study, that will be arranged.

A detailed study of natural features, particularly of the lakes (St. George and Wilcox), land use, traffic, servicing and community facilities is planned with experts available to help. He stated his firm intends to encourage public participation through interviews, and questionnaires. Later he agreed to try to set up times and a place for a representative to be available for consultation by the public—the Wildwood Branch Library was suggested.

The questionnaires will be delivered to every home in the area by local people who will call back to pick them up and offer help, if needed.

### WHAT'S THE NAME

Mr. Martin thought a good place to start would be in determining the correct name of the area — is it Lake Wilcox, Wilcox Lake, Lake Wilcocks or Wilcock's Lake? Later he was told that the post office was officially Wilcock's Lake.

In evaluating existing buildings, he assured his audience that all evaluation

used. Mr. Martin assured him they were being used as a base point. "We are approaching this study with a very open mind. Let's see what we have and go on from there."

### FEAR OF CONSERVATION

He also raised the subject of rumors about the Metro Conservation Authority, which have been prevalent for years in the area and the fears of the people living there that there will be a complete take-over. "What role will they be playing in this study?" "As another input only," said Mr. Martin. "We will not necessarily concur in their suggestions, nor will we necessarily reject them."

William Good presented a copy of a newspaper report stating that Eli Comay had recommended to the provincial government zero lot lines and upstream sewage treatment plants as one solution to the present scarcity and high prices of housing. He also presented a survey taken last year by a group of students on the needs and wishes of the people of the area. Although many of the audience thought that everybody in the area had seen the survey, about a third of those present indicated that they had not.

### HIGH INTEREST

A couple of home owners told the meeting of the exorbitant interest rates and bonuses on mortgages in the area (15% in one case) and of high fire insurance rates because of no water hydrants in part of the area. One of them said, "I'm trying to sell my home, but because of the area around it people won't buy. I think those homes which are in bad condition are perked up because of new homes, and the good ones are pulled down by the bad ones."

### HOW LONG?

A woman wanted to know how long after the study is completed will it be implicated, such as provision of sanitary sewers. Mr. Rowe assumed entire responsibility, as a member of the region's engineering committee, for there being no water in part of the area and no sewers in all of it. "The engineering committee of the regional level controls provision of water and sewerage. It's criminal you have no water. We can shoot all the water you want into the area, but what are we going to do with it when it becomes sewage? We have been talking for months now about a big pipe (some now call it a pipe dream) which will take our sewage down to Lake Ontario. It's a \$92-million pipe dream and will serve Markham, Vaughan, Richmond Hill and eventually Aurora and Newmarket. The holdup is this pipe, and negotiations are going on. I believe that the people in Lake Wilcox and Oak Ridges are perfectly willing and able to make the payments which will be necessary for these services."

### HAPPY PLACE

Lake Wilcox was described by another speaker "as a rather happy community where people are living in homes they can afford. Some people think the land is too valuable to be used as it is, and the whole thing should be bulldozed. What sort of development do you have in mind?"

Mr. Martin declined to answer except to say that "it would be very wrong to destroy what you have here now. Lack of sanitary sewers is a major limit to more development. Possibly Lake Wilcox shouldn't develop any more, but remain as it is. We want to know what you think about this?"

Rev. Robert McElhinney, who also served on the local committee which drafted the terms of reference, wanted to know if they were being

their houses don't. If one knew definitely one way or another, one would know what to do."

### NO EXPROPRIATION

One of the previous women speakers reported she had listened to a TV program recently, when Paul Flood, representing the Metro Conservation Authority, stated that the only power of expropriation the authority had was in flood control and therefore would not be expropriating in the area. He also had stated that when expropriation does take place the price paid is the market value at the time.

Planning Director Rimon assured the audience that "the town is looking to the consultants to tell us what should be the involvement of the authority in this area. That's one reason we hired an outside firm, so that we will get an unbiased opinion. The town will wait until the recommendations are in from the consultant." He also noted that the authority will not be involved at all if it does not have the backing of the town. "It is not the intent of the authority to bulldoze itself into this area."

Reference was made to a survey regarding water and sewers conducted by Whitchurch Township, which concluded that it was technically unfeasible to run a sewer through the swamp (approximately 400 yards), and the expense would run into millions of dollars.

However, the speaker said that an independent engineering survey showed it could be done for about \$11½ million. "I don't know why that wasn't followed up."

### MANY AREAS OF CONCERN

More public access to the lake, gas service, taking into the town hydro system the area now served by Ontario Hydro, street lights, street numbering, library, emergency and low rental housing, dogs, police protection, fire protection, Bayview Avenue, garbage pickup, absentee landlords, unassumed roads, Sunset Park, outdoor skating rink on north side of lake and ditches were all areas of concern expressed by the group. They will be included in the study, promised Mr. Martin.

It was evident the majority of people present favored extension of watermains and provision of sanitary sewers as the priority need of the area. However, one woman reported that they had just installed a new septic tank and like their well water comes from a spring.

Although one young woman felt the name should be changed a grandmother stated she had lived in the area for 27 years, had raised a family there and now has grandchildren there and "I

don't think there's anything wrong with Wilcox Lake."

Your input will be thoroughly considered," said Mr. Martin, "as we work toward a mutual solution of your problems", to end the meeting.

### Open-Face Concept?

The food will match the decor at the official opening of Markham's open concept Resor Park Public School, November 13 at 7 pm.

In announcing the date at a meeting of York County Board of Education, Monday night, Trustee Donald Sim of Markham said that the refreshments served at the opening to which the public is invited, would be in keeping with the surroundings.

"We're going to serve open-face sandwiches," he said.

Besides the open-face sandwiches, it is hoped that Education Minister Thomas Wells, will also be on hand.

### Flood Of Phoney \$50s Brings Warning

Anyone accepting a \$50 bill during the next several weeks should be sure of the identity of the person who gives it to them.

That's the advice of the Provincial Police Anti-Rackets Branch, because of what it terms as a "flood" of counterfeit \$50s in the area recently.

The OPP described the bills as being of excellent quality, and very difficult to detect.

It said that normally counterfeit notes are printed with the same serial numbers. However, the ones in circulation now had a sequential variance of number, which added to the difficulty of detection.

The OPP gives this advice in detecting the bills: "Hold the bill against a strong light, which will reveal an otherwise invisible number of planchets — green dots — which are implanted in legal bank note paper."

"By using this method the absence of an increased number of planchets is generally an indication that the bill is counterfeit."

The OPP advises you to call the police immediately you detect one of the counterfeits. If unable to detain the suspect, obtain a full description and the license number of any vehicle he may enter.

## Charge Two Oakville Men After Car Shot At In Vaughan Area

Two Oakville men have been charged with creating public mischief, following a shooting incident in the Vaughan area Saturday.

Brian Riley, of Walford Road, Toronto, told York Regional Police he was driving in his car with his girl friend on Highway 400, just near Major Mackenzie Drive, about 5:10 pm, when another car passed him and a man on the passenger side fired a rifle at him.

The bullet hit the front of the car at the top of the windshield. However, no one was hurt.

Riley secured the license number of the other car and turned it over to police.

Police later arrested Gerald Reade, 41, and Donald Suter, 26, in Oakville.

It's believed the incident arose out of the latter pair allegedly being cut off at one point on the road.

Kenneth Bolton, 17, of 10 Muirhead Crescent, Richmond Hill, was reported to be in good condition at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto, where he was taken following an accident Sunday night.

The youth was the victim of a hit-and-run driver, who knocked him off his bicycle and then fled.

Police said that Bolton was riding his bike north on Keele Street near Teston Road when he was struck from behind by the vehicle.

Debris found at the scene was from an extended side mirror of the kind used on trucks and cars hauling trailers.

thefts of the material from houses under construction.

A total of 40 sheets of plywood, valued at \$800, was taken from Markham Meadows Subdivision at Highway 7 and Concession 9, while 17 sheets were taken from a Leibeck Crescent project.

Other area happenings: Richmond Hill — John Anderson, 85 Centre Street West, a set of keys, a quantity of liquor and a two-door red Dodge, stolen from his home between September 19 and 20; Dr. A. H. McLaren, 117 Yonge Street North, reported that, while his car was parked at 117 Yonge Street South, September 17, someone scratched the sides and poured black paint over the body.

Vaughan — A \$5 ram was stolen from the farm of Antonio Nani, Concession 11; At Superior Sand and Gravel, Concession 3, Maple, vandals broke six windows in the electrical control room in the pit area.

### Attempt To Blast

### Out King Couple

A King couple outlasted an attempted siege by three youths Sunday, in which shots were fired and an attempt was made to discharge a home-made fire bomb.

According to York Regional Police, Kalman Nemeth and his wife, were sitting in a shack inside the main gate of King Township Dump, when they heard two shots hit the west rear wall.

On looking out, they saw a car with three youths in it, plus a bottle on the ground with something burning in it.

Police were called and Constable David Noble extinguished the fire in the gas-filled bottle which had a rag for a fuse. His examination of the shack wall showed a number of pellets, or bullets in it.

The youths involved are believed to be the same ones with whom Mr. Nemeth had a run-in with earlier in the summer.

## Nine Lake Wilcox Residents To Join Council On Consulting Committee

Nine residents of the Lake Wilcox Study Area, to be selected by the people of that area, will join the nine members of Richmond Hill Town Council and one member from the municipality at large, to form a committee to work with and advise the consultants, M. M. Dillon Ltd., Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe will chair this committee. This was the decision of council at a meeting Monday evening. A meeting for this purpose will be called for October 2.

That 25 people from the study area be selected by the consultants for in-depth interviews, was another council decision. Members of council felt that no direction should be given in this choice, so that the study would be a totally independent one and would reflect the consultants' opinions, unbiased and unprejudiced.

It was also decided that committee meetings

will be open to the public, and that the committee will be asked to approve contents of the questionnaire to be distributed in the area.

The study area was expanded to include a 30-acre parcel of land to the north.

Another informational flyer is planned to contain answers to questions raised at the public meeting held September 20 in Lake Wilcox Public School, a local post office box will be used and it is hoped to have a consultant available for two or three hours one evening a week in the area.

Town Planner Peter Martin told council that "the study already seems to be changing direction — maybe we will have to have more meetings, maybe more flyers and certainly public participation is much greater than anybody anticipated."

## Hawaiian Holiday Highlights

BY HAZEL HIGGS

(A member of "The Liberal's" office staff)

It was a sweltering Sunday, September 2, when my mother, Mrs. Olive Hatt of Milton, Nova Scotia, and I boarded the American Airlines Jet 265 at Toronto International Airport. In Chicago we changed to a smaller jet, continuing on our flight to Honolulu and an unforgettable two-week holiday.

On arrival we were greeted by our Sunflight Tours representative Hawaiian style, an "Aloha", a kiss, and a lovely fragrant flower lei draped around our shoulders. We were then taken to the Kuhio Hotel, our headquarters for a six-day tour of the Island of Oahu.

The next day we boarded the luxury yacht "Leilani" for a three and one-half hour cruise to Pearl Harbor and a reminder of one of the blackest days in the history of the Hawaiian Islands.

We looked up at Diamond Head, sometimes spoken of as "The Gibraltar of the Pacific", an extinct volcanic crater, and called Leahi by the Hawaiians.

Soon after the Pearl Harbor attack by Japanese bombers on December 7, 1941, Diamond Head bristled with gun emplacements, barbed wire and defensive army units. All of the island's beaches were readied for another attack or landing of Japanese forces that never appeared.

We saw the USS Arizona Memorial, dedicated on Memorial Day, 1962, which spans the sunken hulk of the "Arizona". The memorial encloses an assembly area large enough to accommodate 200 people, a museum and a shrine with the names of the men who lost their lives on that incredible sunny Sunday more than 30 years ago.

In the evening we were escorted by limousine on a visit to two night clubs. First the Hawaiian Hut where we enjoyed a Hawaiian buffet, cocktails, a hula show; then on to the Kahala Hilton for another drink and more Hawaiian entertainment by Danny Kaleikini.

The following day, Tuesday, we shopped around the International Market Place where clothing, crafts, etc. and unusual restaurants and night clubs are found.

The tour moved on Wednesday to Diamond Head, Kahala residential area on Little Circle Island, Hanalei Bay, the Blow Hole, Waialeale, and a visit to Sea Life Park where we viewed two shows — one at the Ocean Science Theatre and the other at Whaler's Cove where dolphins and penguins are constantly performing to the delight of the tourists.

Day number four saw us on the city-Mount Tantalus tour of the Iolani Palace, Punchbowl, Mount Tantalus and the East-West Centre of the University of Hawaii. In front of the Iolani Palace a film crew was shooting scenes of the popular television series, "Hawaii Five O'" with Jack Lord and the rest of the cast. It was very inter-

esting to actually see how the filming is done and what the characters look like in real life.

Friday was a long but fascinating day when we went to the Polynesian Cultural Centre, a 46 mile bus ride into beautiful country with its palm trees and beautiful flowers and magnificent scenery. We enjoyed a show on the river, with native girls from six different villages singing and dancing. Then came a boat trip up the river where we enjoyed a lavish Polynesian buffet and fantastic show, "Invitation to Paradise" with people from six different islands performing.

We also visited the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific which dominates the heart of Honolulu from its location in Punchbowl Crater, the remnant of a long extinct volcano. Here rest those who served during the 19th Century Spanish-American War, the Boxer Rebellion of 1900, World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

We had a swim at Waikiki Beach with its lovely salt water, nice white sand, so peaceful and quiet.

We visited the Hawaiian Wax Museum depicting the legend, romance, drama, tradition from the time of the early settlers of the islands to the annexation by the United States in 1898.

On Saturday we left Honolulu to fly to the Island of Kauai which is a beautiful little garden isle, so quiet and peaceful. We spent three wonderful days there, resting and browsing around the island.

On Tuesday we flew to the Island of Hilo and a bus tour that included a visit to an orchid factory and Volcano National Park, then on to the Valley Island of Maui where we spent four days enjoying around the island, enjoying the swimming pool and beaches. We found swimming in the pool much safer than swimming in the sea. The waves are great for surfing, but can be very unnerving for the swimmer, literally throwing more

than one right out of his swimming suit!

All of the beaches in Hawaii have light colored sand except the beach in Kalapana, which has black sand and black stone — an unusual sight to see.

We toured up the river to Fern Grotto, scene of many sacred weddings with the singing of Hawaiian wedding songs, girls in mau mau dresses, leis and flowers.

Their customs are different from any we had known, but it is really beautiful to watch a Hawaiian wedding at the Fern Grotto. Sunday we left the Island

of Maui for our return flight to Canada. To anyone who wishes to take a holiday in the near future, please do so, and make it a trip to the enchanting islands of Hawaii. With the Hawaiian Hulas, the beautiful scenery, palm trees, exquisite flowers, tropical fruits, sandy beaches and the hospitality of the Hawaiian people it is a super holiday.

We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Jake VanRavenzwaal of Globe Travel Service here in the Hill for their kind co-operation in arranging our Sunours flight through their office.

**Lake Wilcox Study Area PUBLIC MEETING**

To select nine citizen representatives to serve on the official Lake Wilcox Study Committee.

**OCTOBER 2, 8:15 P.M.**

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The 1973-74 series will go on sale October 3 and will be sold at face value until November 15. These bonds will provide an annual average yield of 7.54% if held to maturity in 1985. The rate of interest is 7% for the first year, 7½% for the next six years, 7¾% for the next three years and 8% for the final two years.

Three extra interest certificates will bring the total amount of a \$100 bond at maturity to \$239.50 (if all interest coupons and compound interest certificates are uncashed until then).

### Mrs. Sabine Assenmacher

## King Mother Dies Early Morning Fire

An early-morning fire took the life of a King Township woman, Monday.

Killed was Sabine Assenmacher, 30, of RR 1, Kettleby, Concession 5, King.

Uwe Assenmacher, husband of the deceased, and their two children, aged 2½ and 5, managed to escape.

Cause of the fire, which broke out about 2:45 am, and completely destroyed the house, is unknown. The matter is under investigation.

There were two big fires in the Markham area. About \$50,000 damage to the stock was done in a fire at Pavemaster of Canada Limited, RR 2, Markham September 20, about 12:30 pm. The fire was spotted by two employees returning from lunch, who noticed smoke coming from the stock room. It was not known what caused it.

Firemen from Markham and Stouffville attended.

A fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wolkoff, 177

Romfield Circuit, about 15 minutes later the same day, caused a total of \$10,000 damage.

The fire is believed to have started from an electrical appliance being left on the kitchen counter.

There was no one in the house at the time.

In the Langstaff area of Richmond Hill, fire at the home of Earle Hopley, 41 Roosevelt Drive, September 23, about 8 pm, caused about \$1,000 damage. The fire broke out in a joint under the fireplace in the living room.

The local firefighters also attended their usual quota of grass fires, and several car and truck fires.

In Vaughan, about \$2,000 damage was done to a car and garage at BP Service Station, 8248 Yonge Street, September 21.

Filling station operator, Cosmo Fiorillo, was repairing a 1964 automobile when it caught fire.

### Phoney \$50 Passed At Court

Despite repeated warnings by police to be on guard against bogus bills, those phoney \$50s are still turning up.

The Bank of Montreal in Newmarket reported two in the last week in its night deposits, including one from the Provincial Court in Newmarket.

In Oak Ridges, one of the bills was passed at Harris Drug Store, and later turned up in the Bank of Commerce night deposit.

Serial numbers on the three bills were: B/H671-2821, B/H6493713 and B/H5050851.

NEWMARKET — The new Quaker Hills Indoor Swimming Pool is now in use. It is located in the new subdivision in the southwest quadrant of the town's urban area.

NEWMARKET: For the first time on record, the Peter Gorman municipal swimming pool finished the season's operation with a profit. Receipts exceeded expenditures by \$36,000. The year the pool lost \$3,000.

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